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Dear Doug:

Forgive me for not answering your 4 January letter long before now.

On the documents, something has been garbled in trans-Pacific transmission. For almost two years we have been quietly assembling and processing (i.e., checked and re-checked translation, essential explanatory footnotes on obscure allusions to dates, events, or Party names, etc.) a set of key Vietnamese Communist documents. This project has been carried out under the overall management and supervision of [] -- whose performance (as one would expect) has been outstanding.

Thus you are correct in thinking that a set of key documents are being/have been processed in non-polemical, standardized scholarly format. But none of these -- let alone the set -- has yet been published and none have been put on public sale.

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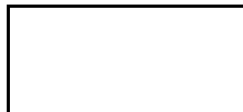
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We hope to get the series properly published by someone -- i.e., under non-contentious sponsorship -- in the reasonably near future. Until then, if you would like to know more about the series or specific documents therein, please let me know.

I hope all goes well with you in every way.

With best regards,

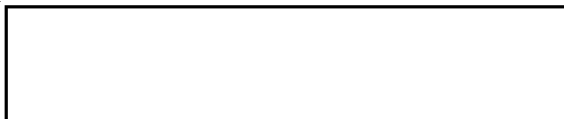
Sincerely yours,



George ~~A.~~ Carver, Jr.

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U.S. INFORMATION SERVICE

Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China

January 4, 1973

Mr. George Carver
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Dear George:

I have heard in a round-about way that your organization has published and put on public sale 25 key documents of the Vietnam war.

I am wondering if the report is true and, if true, how our office could obtain two copies.

Best holiday wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Pike".

Douglas Pike
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